

## Solicitors

The City of Miami Springs prohibits soliciting without a permit in residential neighborhoods.

According to city code, section 114-02: "It shall be unlawful for any solicitor, peddler, itinerant merchant or transient vendor of merchandise to collect orders for the sale of goods, wares, or merchandise, or try to attempt to dispose of goods, wares, or merchandise by barter and sale in any private dwelling, apartment, or other place of residence without having obtained a permit to do so from the Chief of Police."

The ordinance is designed to protect citizens from unscrupulous solicitors who go door-to-door in neighborhoods hawking shoddy wares, offering services whether licensed or unlicensed to perform, or conning their way into homes to steal valuables. Senior citizens are particularly targeted by cons, swindlers and thieves. The ordinance prohibits residential soliciting to try and sell products or services, or ask for contributions and donations.

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